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VIRGINIA MORGAN

Virginia Morgan was 21 years old when she married Charles T. Holliday, also aged 21 years. The marriage date is not known by me. He was a son of Israel E. and Mary Holliday. Charles was a farmer. They were both born in Greenbrier County. Charles and Virginia were the parents of a daughter, Mary Susan, who married John Ramsey.

Virginia Morgan's second marriage was to Andrew Hutchinson. Their children that can be remembered are:

- (1) Sam married Anna(?) Green
- (2) Charles
- (3) Barbara Ann married Ed Morgan
- (4) Nancy Jane married \_\_\_\_\_ Fink

The following is from an obituary notice:

Rev. Samuel C. Morgan, of the Greenbrier Circuit, W. E. Church, whose injuries by his horse falling on him, were noted in these columns some weeks ago, died last Friday morning, January 7, 1904, at 11 a. m. at the home of George H. Whiting, near Falling Spring, at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Morgan, while seriously hurt by his accident, would have preferred that he not suffered exposure by lying for several days in the winter before he could take anyone near his grave for assistance. This exposure developed pneumonia, but he understood that he was improving slowly until one week before his death, when he was moved from Mr. Abraham Anderson's to Mr. Whiting's, a distance of some 200

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SAMUEL CRAFT MORGAN

Samuel Craft Morgan was born near Ronceverte on July 8, 1847. He died January 7, 1898. He was married on February 21, 1872 (note: Greenbrier County Court House records show January 21, 1872) to Edith H. Ramsey by M. L. Lacy. She was born near Ronceverte on December 20, 1855, the daughter of William and Sallie Meade Ramsey.

The following children were born to this union:

- (1) Laura J. Morgan born March 31, 1874
- (2) William Columbus Morgan born March 15, 1876
- (3) Sarah Virginia (Ninnie) Morgan born February 15, 1878
- (4) Edgar Randolph Morgan born April 18, 1882
- (5) Lena Florence Morgan born December 17, 1896

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Mr. Morgan, while seriously hurt by his accident, would have recovered had he not suffered exposure by lying for several hours in the weather before he could make anyone hear his cries for assistance. This exposure developed pneumonia, but we understand that he was improving slowly until one week before his death, when he was moved from Mr. Abraham Snedegar's to Mr. Whiting's, a distance of some six

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or seven miles. The change from a warm room to the outside air exerted perhaps an injurious effect upon his weakened frame, and he could not rally from the shock.

We give below from the pen of J. W. Sampson, a brief sketch of Mr. Morgan's life.

"Rev. Samuel Craft Morgan, the subject of this article, was born on the 8th day of July, 1847, in Greenbrier County, near the location on which the town of Ronceverte now stands. He was the third son of Randolph and Pollie Morgan, and on his mother's side sprang from among the oldest citizens of Greenbrier -- the old Myres family. Deceased was converted at a protracted meeting conducted by Rev. Addison Weller of M. E. Church, South, at old Pleasant Grove school house, in the Coffman neighborhood, in the year 1866. From the time of his conversion to the day of his death, he was an active and zealous worker in the church. He was licensed as a local preacher in the M. E. Church in the year 1887, and in 1888 was received on probation in the Virginia Annual Conference of the same church. His first pastoral charge was the Edray circuit (in 1889 in Pocahontas County), where he remained the full time limit of five years after which he was appointed to the Greenbrier circuit, where he served until called from labor to reward.

Bro. Morgan was a kind friend and neighbor, ~~a kind friend and neighbor~~, a faithful and loving husband and father, and above all else, was a faithful, self-denying, crossbearing servant of his Divine Master. He labored faithfully for the salvation of precious souls,

and for the advancement of the church of his choice, as a minister for nearly eleven years, and died at his post of duty. Doubtless the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher." "Mark the upright man and behold the just, for the end of that man is peace." We mourn, but not as those who have no hope, for this great loss to the church, believing as we do that our loss is his great gain. We extend to the bereaved wife and children our warmest sympathies, and exhort them to follow the example of their beloved one, and trust in Him who promised to be a father to the orphan and a husband to the widow."

The following appeared in a Greenbrier newspaper:

#### A Dream

Our Loveridge correspondent writes of a curious dream which seemed to have a quick fulfillment in the death of a Methodist minister sometime ago. He says:

"In the death of Rev. S. C. Morgan, whose obituary appeared in the West Virginia News, we realize a great loss. While some do not pay any attention to dreams, many reflect over Bro. Morgan's dream the night before he preached his last sermon at this place and which he related at that time.

"He dreamed he was on the bank of the Greenbrier River, opposite the old homestead, not far from the present site of Ronceverte. He saw the old birch tree to which he used to hitch his canoe, but his canoe was gone. He wanted to get across but did not know how. He saw a boat up the river, but it was not the

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boat he used to have. In some way he crossed, he said, but did not know how, but on the other side he met his father, who had been dead sometime.

"He said he did not know, but it might be that his earthly stay was short."

The Rev. S. C. Morgan was buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery. Following his death, the church was renamed Morgan Memorial Church.

His wife was buried at his side. She died September 25, 1932 at the home of her son, W. C. Morgan of Lobelia. Her second marriage was to <sup>John</sup> J. Wesley Irvin <sup>10-16-1901</sup> of Edray who preceded her in death. A week before her death, she suffered a stroke of paralysis.

The children of the Rev. S. C. and Edith Ramsey Morgan will now be presented.



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Samuel Morgan - 5  
Laura Morgan Sharp - 1

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#### LAURA JANE MORGAN

Laura Jane Morgan was born March 31, 1874 near Ronceverte. She died at her home at Slaty Fork, Pocahontas County, October 17, 1932. She had been ill for many months with heart disease and complications. She was buried in the Sharp family cemetery, the funeral being conducted from the Slaty Fork Church by Rev. T. H. Taylor.

On February 16, 1893 she united in marriage with Luther David Sharp, born June 8, 1872 at Slaty Fork, the son of Silas and Sarah Hannah Sharp of the "Old Field" on Elk. "L.D." died March 13, 1963 and was buried in the Sharp cemetery. The following was taken from his obituary notice.

"Mr. Sharp was the only son of his parents. At the early age of 12, he started his mercantile business, buying and selling fur, live-stock, and merchandise. For many years his merchandise was hauled from Millboro, Virginia, and Beverly by covered wagons. Mr. Sharp was the first Postmaster of Slatyfork and gave it its name when the office was opened. He loved to fish and hunt, killing his last deer at the age of 89. He was one of the first group of apiary inspectors in W. Va., and raised bees to produce the famous Pocahontas County white lynn honey.

"L.D." as he was affectionately called by his close friends, helped organize and was a charter member of the Slatyfork Methodist Church. He was a lover of sacred music and organized the Slatyfork Choir, well known in Pocahontas and surrounding counties for its fine music.

Randolph Morgan - 12  
Samuel Morgan - 6  
Laura Morgan Sharp - 2

Luther's second marriage was to Mabel <sup>Eliza</sup> Hansford <sup>May 20 1934</sup>

The children of L.D. and Laura Sharp are listed below. They all attended West Virginia Wesleyan College except Creola.

- (1) <sup>Ellen</sup> Ada <sup>Born Feb 21st 1894</sup> 1936 <sup>dead 8-18-1956</sup>, first married <sup>John Johnson</sup>

Their children:

<sup>Pocahontas Times (Aug 28 Sept) 1912: Ada Sharp will go to Buckhannon to attend Wesleyan College (age 18)</sup>

- (A) Donald married Lexie \_\_\_\_\_ and lives in Portland, Oregon. Children: Paul, Linda, Donald Jr., and Bruce.
- (B) Helen married Eugene Hannah, the son of Lee and Virginia Daft Hannah. Widowed Helen lives at Slatyfork. Their son Eugene H. married Jewell Mullins.

Children: David and Douglas. They live at Fairmont.

Following the death of Mr. Johnson, Ada married William Curtin of Baltimore, Md. <sup>April 20th (about 1925)</sup>

Their children:

- (A) Stanley married Shirley Bell. He is a school principal near Baltimore.
- (B) Clara married William Keene. They live in Baltimore.
- (C) William "Billy" has been married 2 or 3 times in Baltimore.

- (2) <sup>Morgan</sup> Violet <sup>Born March 15, 1897</sup>, married Rufus Markland <sup>and lives</sup> in Richmond, Virginia. He is deceased.

Their child, Rufus Melvin, Jr., married Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ and lives in Indiana. Their children are: John and Ann.

*Helen's 2nd marriage 4-21-78 to Samuel Goldberger, at Warm Springs, Va. The land near fair ground near Marlinton*

*(at warm springs, Va)*

*Helen re-married to Samuel Goldberger*

*Goldberger died 1978 (4-21-78)*

*No died (about Jan) 1981 (age 80)*

*Also Carl (Baby) died about 1 year old*

*7-6-1918*

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Samuel Morgan - 7  
Laura Morgan Sharp - 3

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- (3) Ivan born July 25, 1900. Married Genevieve Orndorff, daughter of Jesse Brown Orndorff of Arbovale. Ivan and Genevieve live at Nitro, W. Va. *(2-3-81) She moved to Waynesboro, Va. a few years ago (+?)*  
*Ivan died Spring 1975*  
Their children:

(A) Ramona married Tom Shipley. Lives at Parkersburg.

Children: John, Thomas Alan, and David

(B) Ralph married Rogena Davis. Lives in California. *Ralph divorced Rogena. Remarried & living in Calif. (Nancy Darby)*  
Children: Brian, Kathy, and \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Evan married Phyllis McCutcheon. Lives at Madison, Virginia. *B. 8-24-1944, Radley, W. Va.* Their two sons are Todd and Roderick.

- (4) Creola *Evan killed by a hunter fall of 1975. Phyllis remarried a year later to Brad Metzger*  
*(born 1905 - died 2-25-1925)*  
*P.D. Box 1 Orange, Va 22860*  
(5) Silas was born October 27, 1907. ~~Never married.~~ Lives at Slatyfork. *married Eunice Gibson July 3, 1981*

- (6) Paul born November 25, 1910. Married Vonda Lowe. He lives in Port Neches, Texas. *Deceased*  
*Remarried Katherine Milhollin*

Their children:

- (A) Thayer married Nancy Simpson. Their child is Timothy *Thayer divorced Nancy & married Sara Carter, Divorced Sara & married Beverly Champion*  
(B) Barbara married Glenn Smith

After Vonda's death, Paul married Ketha Milhollin.

- (7) Luther David Jr. born June 8, 1916. Married Silvia 7-11-1940  
Friel. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their child is Linda *Dec 12-19-61*

*He married Betty EDUARDO May 1980*

### Ivan L. Sharp

Ivan Lilburn Sharp, 74, of 110 Woodland Dr., Nitro, died Saturday in Thomas Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was a retired foreman of the FMC plant in Nitro and the U. S. Rubber Co. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and attended West Virginia Wesleyan College. He was graduated from Massey Business College in Richmond and Rhea Auto and Tractor School in Cincinnati. He was a native of Slatyfork, Pocahontas County. Surviving: wife, Genevieve; at the home; daughter, Mrs. Romona Shipley of Parkersburg; sons, Ralph M. of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Evan L. of Madison, Va.; brothers, St. of Slatyfork, Paul of Port Neches, Texas, Dave of Cincinnati; sister, Mrs. Violet M. Markland of Richmond.

Service will be 11 a.m. Monday in St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. James B. Arbogast, the Rev. J. Hilary Finch and the Rev. Ollie Hevener officiating.



An additional service will be 4 p.m. Monday in the Slatyfork United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Sharp Cemetery, Slatyfork. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family requests that memorials be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements: Cook-Pauley Funeral Home, Nitro, is in charge of arrangements.



Evan Sharp

Randolph Morgan 13  
Sam Morgan 7  
Laura Morgan Sharp 3 1/2

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Evan Lilbern Sharp

B. 28 Dec. 1940  
Philippi, W.Va.

D. 19 Nov. 1975

Augusta Springs, VA

Killed while deer hunting in Nat'l Forest.

bur. Sharp Cemetery  
Slaty Fork, W. Va.

Forester in Virginia Forest Service

Resided: Staunton, Va.  
Mendota, VA

Parents: Ivan Lilbern Sharp  
& Jesse Genevieve Orndorff

1. Arthur Todd Sharp

B. 1 Oct. 1965 Norton, Va.

D.  
Md.

2. Roderick Evan Sharp

B. 13 Mar. 1967 Staunton, Va.

D.  
Md.

3. a girl;

Md. 6 Mar. 1965

Weston, W.Va.

Jacksons Mill

Phyllis Jeanette McCutcheon

B. 21 Aug. 1944

Reedy, W.Va.

D.

She married

To Brad Melges

Orange, Va.

bur.

Parents: Thomas Edgar McCutcheon  
& Edna West

Randolph Morgan - 14  
Samuel Morgan - 8  
W. C. Morgan - 1

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### William Columbus Morgan

William Columbus Morgan, the second child of the Rev. S. C. and Edith Ramsey Morgan, was born March 15, 1876 just below Ronceverte. He went to school at the Old Pleasant School House for a while which was in the Coffman neighborhood. He then went to the Oak Hill School in Ronceverte. The Morgan family moved to Edray in Pocahontas County in March 1889 to the Methodist Parsonage. He then attended the Edray School until he finished the sixth grade. He worked for Isaac Sharp at Edray for two 8 month hitches and also during sugar making time. In 1894 the Morgan family moved to the old log parsonage just below Lobelia and the Rev. Morgan preached at 7 or 8 churches in the Greenbrier Charge.

William C. married Jemima Frances "Fannie" Hill on November 10, 1897. She was the daughter of Aaron and Miriam Jordan Hill of Lobelia. W. C. and Fannie were married by his father at Lobelia. They started housekeeping in a house owned by Christopher Hill. They then moved on to Droop Mountain. Returned to Lobelia and bought a piece of land from Chris Hill where he built a house. He sold the land. In March 1907 the family moved <sup>out</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>to Slatyfork</sup> Elk Mountain into the home with Hugh Sharp (uncle of L. D. Sharp). In October 1907, they returned to Bruffey's Creek and lived in the old house of his brother-in-law, Winnie Kennison. His wife, Fannie, died there on February 21, 1908 of pneumonia. Charlie Anderson, a school teacher at Bruffey's Creek, closed his school and preached the funeral on February 22, 1908. She was buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffey's Creek. Will's sister, Ninnie, kept house for him for awhile until he broke up housekeeping.

Dr. T. G. Cook attended Fannie during her illness.

William stayed with Winnie Kennison on weekends and worked in the woods during the week. The children stayed with:

- (A) Miriam stayed with her Uncle L. D. and Aunt Laura Sharp.
- (B) Georgia made her home with Nathaniel Kennison near Hillsboro
- (C) Laura stayed at Winnie Kennisons, also at Nat Kennisons, at Chris Hills, and with Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Wilson who lived at Winterburn on Williams River and then moved to Thomas. Mr. Wilson was a sawyer and noted as a good one. Laura was 11 years old when she went to live with Will and Sallie Irvin at Fairview. She made her home with them until her marriage.
- (D) Samuel was taken by his Grandmother, Mrs. Edith Morgan Irvin at Edray until his father remarried.
- (E) Fannie was 6 weeks old when her mother died. Mrs. Mary Brock took her until Mrs. Brock died and then Fannie went to live with her father and step-mother.

William C. was married the second time to Miriam Hill Morgan. She had married and divorced his brother, Edgar Morgan. She was the daughter of Isaac Hill and they lived on her father's farm on Bruffey's Creek near Lobelia. W. C. and Miriam were married in April 1916 in Cumberland, Maryland. W. C. continued to work in the woods some after his second marriage. He also did some farming at their place. He raised bees and many different kinds of birds -- bantams, turkeys, guineas, and chickens. His son-in-law, Charles Hollandsworth, recalled how Will would put grain under a piece of glass and watch an old hen scratch away trying to get the grain. He had an old mule that was used to ride newly weds on when

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Samuel Morgan - 10  
W. C. Morgan - 3

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they were serenaded. The mule died the same day that W. C. 's grandson, Melvin Dale Hollandsworth, was born on Nov. 16, 1925. W. C. nicknamed him "Jack", a name that he became known by.

William C. and Miriam Morgan carried on many pioneer habits. They raised broom corn and made brooms. Both were expert weavers on the loom. She did carding and spinning of wool. He enjoyed hunting and was 78 when he killed his last deer with a shotgun as his eyesight was not keen enough to use a rifle. They both played the accordion and he also played the fiddle.

After Miriam's death on March 26, 1952, he continued to live at the farm until he became too feeble to be alone. He would then stay a few months with each of his children. In early 1957 he was admitted to the Denmar Hospital where he died December 22, 1957. He was buried December 24 in the cemetery at Emmanuel Church on Bruffey's Creek.

The families of his children will now be presented.

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Samuel Morgan - 11  
W. C. Morgan - 4

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MIRIAM EDITH MORGAN

Miriam Edith Morgan, the oldest child of W. C. and Fannie Hill Morgan, was born August 13, 1898. Following the death of her mother, Miriam stayed for a while with her uncle and aunt, L.D. and Laura Sharp at Slatyfork. While there she learned to play the organ.

She married Jonah Roy Sparks (born October 5, 1889, died June 19, 1972), son of Adam and Emma Griffith Sparks of Tazewell County, Virginia later of Lobelia, W. Va. on Hill's Creek. Roy Sparks was a veteran of World War I.

Miriam died July 4, 1916 following the birth of her only child, Miriam Edith, on July 3, 1916. Miriam was buried at the Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffey's Creek.

The following is a part of a news item in the Pocahontas Times.

"On the 18th of April (1917) the angels came and carried away from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sparks near Lobelia, the soul of Miriam Edith Sparks, their little granddaughter, aged nine months. The child's mother, Mrs. Roy Sparks, having been called to her reward last July. The grandparents gladly took the care of the little babe. For a time they thought they would not be able to raise the child, but for some time it seemed to be doing well and was the pride of the home. But almost suddenly, its sickness being only two days, the Heavenly Father who doeth all things well, saw best to take the little child to a better country where death and suffering will be no more. We know the father, Roy Sparks, cannot help but feel a sense of loneliness, his companion and only child having been taken from him



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Samuel Morgan - 12  
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In the last year, but we are sure the attractions on the other shore  
will be helpful to lead to that blissful place where partings come no  
more. Funeral services were conducted at Emmanuel Church by Nap S.  
Morrison (also preached the mother's funeral) and J. B. Grimes, after  
which the body was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby to await the  
coming of him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

The mother was born in the State of Georgia. She was a native of the  
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After her father's death she was brought up in the State of Georgia. She was a native of the State of Georgia. She was a native of the State of Georgia. She was a native of the State of Georgia.

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Samuel Morgan - 13  
W. C. Morgan - 6

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GEORGIA VIRGINIA MORGAN

Georgia Virginia Morgan, the second child of W. C. and Fannie Hill Morgan, was born September 2, 1900.

Georgia recalled when the Morgan family lived on ~~Elk Mountain~~ <sup>Flat Fork</sup> that her brother, Sam, punched the bees while they were playing. He was stung all over. The other children were stung too. A very old Indian and wife lived nearby the Sharp farm. The Indian took Georgia to stay all night at his house. She was afraid and faked illness the next morning so she could go home.

After her father broke up housekeeping, Georgia lived in the home of Nathaniel "Uncle Nat" Kennison near Hillsboro. He was a Confederate veteran. At his death he gave Georgia a cow, parlor organ, and other things.

Georgia was married to <sup>born</sup> (James Winters Jordan) of Hillsboro on ~~8-16-1947~~ <sup>8-16-1947</sup> ~~4-20-1918~~ <sup>at Marlinton</sup>. He was the son of James J. and Fannie Jordan.

Georgia died in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital March 12, 1974 of a heart disorder. She was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Hillsboro.

The six children of James Winters and Georgia are:

- (1) Frances H. born June 2, 1920. She was trained and practiced as a nurse. On July 30, 1945 she was married to George William Trader, born June 25, 1916. They live in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Children:

- (A) George Winters "Butch" born June 5, 1947. Married

(\*) James Winters "Butch" born ~~8-16-1947~~ <sup>8-16-1889</sup> & died 3-8-75  
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at Hillsboro

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Donnis W. \_\_\_\_\_ born March 5, 1947.

Their twin children born October 23, 1966 are  
David William and Beverly.

(B) John William born October 5, 1953.

- (2) James William born April 10, 1922. He first married and  
*maried from 3-8-1924, daughter of Adam W.M. & Mary Woods Beveridge*  
divorced Mattie Beveridge of Marlinton. Their daughter  
is Connex Lee *Born 4-15-1948*

His second marriage was to Edna Beatrice \_\_\_\_\_.

She was born June 4, 1922. They live in Gulfport, Florida.

They were married March 22, 1954. Their child is James  
Stuart born February 14, 1956.

- (3) Lucy Ellen born April 15, 1924. She was trained and  
practiced as a nurse. On June 5, 1947 she married William  
Levi Vandergrift who was born October 17, 1922. They live  
at Fairmont, W. Va.

- (4) Mildred born March 24, 1926. She married *\**Imoh Walton on  
May 15, 1946. He was born September 4, 1921. They live  
at Hillsboro.

Their children:

(A) Nancy born April 25, 1947

(B) Charles Winters "Pee Wee" born December 14, 1949

(C) Clarice born March 3, 1952

- (5) Nancy Virginia born October 16, 1928. On November 11, 1947  
she married George Warren Fowler who was born July 28, 1919.  
They live at Hillsboro.

*\* son of Chas & Oney Scott Walton - Dec 3-23-1975  
out Boone county  
at Hillsboro*

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Their children are:

- (A) Linda Lou born May 12, 1950
  - (B) Georgia Diane born October 28, 1952. On Dec. 24, 1968 she married Gordon Wayne Madison of Marlinton.
  - (C) Nancy Carolyn born November 23, 1960
  - (D) David Wayne born May 7, 1963
- (6) Harry Winters born March 20, 1931. Died at his home in Street, Maryland on August 5, 1961 of cancer. He married Agnes M. Brock, the daughter of Gilbert and Nancy Brock. Agnes was born August 18, 1928 and died January 31, 1968. Both are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Hillsboro. Their child is Kathleen Ann who was born January 23, 1956. She lived with her Grandmother Brock at Street, Md. after the death of her parents.

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Laura Rachel Morgan

Laura Rachel Morgan, the third child of W. C. and Fannie Hill Morgan, was born February 14, 1903. The Pocahontas County Court House record is incorrect.

On May 27, 1925 she was united in marriage with Andrew Warwick Taylor, the son of Henry L. and Early Tacy Taylor of Dunmore. He was born February 11, 1899. He was a woodsman and farmer near Dunmore.

Their children:

- (1) Marvin Lee born March 31, 1926. He was married to Zula Grey Taylor (born August 9, 1931) on December 21, 1949. He is a farmer and lives near Dunmore. Their children are:

(A) Rachel Elizabeth born June 3, 1958

(B) Naomi Virginia born January 4, 1961

(C) Marvin "Marty" Wetzell born November 24, 1966

- (2) Eula Mae born December 23, 1929 was first married to Ralph Dempsey Ritz of Charleston on September 24, 1949. They were divorced and she married James Richard Curzon (born February 4, 1922) on October 3, 1970. She attended Capital City Commercial College in Charleston and has held several secretarial positions. They presently live in Atlanta, Georgia.

- (3) Hubert Henry born December 27, 1931. On June 20, 1961 he was married to Ann Holmes Hargitt of Durham, N. C. They were later divorced. He was graduated from Glenville



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State College and George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a teacher for 15 years.

- (4) William Orville born September 5, 1935. On June 12, 1954 he was married to Margaret Lillian Barnhouse (born 1934) of Painesville, Ohio. He died June 1, 1973. She died July 21, 1973. Both are buried in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery near Dunmore. Their children are:

(A) William Orville II born January 10, 1955. Married Charlene Hogan on July <sup>27</sup>~~24~~, 1973. Their child is William Orville III born October 20, 1974. They live at Arbovale, W.Va.

(B) Mark Antony born January 23, 1956

(C) Barbara Jo born January 31, 1958. On December 30, 1974 she married Robert Wendell Wilfong (born August 5, 1956) . They live at Marlinton.

(D) Christine Marie born December 18, 1959

(E) Carl David born March 9, 1963

(F) Roberta Lee born June 3, 1964

- (5) Samuel Ludy born November 11, 1937. At Monterey, Va. on December 5, 1959 he was married to Carol Janetta Galford (born October 1, 1938). He was graduated from Glenville State College and taught in the Pocahontas County Schools. Their children:

(A) Teresa Sue born September 14, 1960

(B) June Allison born June 10, 1962

(C) Cheryl Lynn born August 1, ~~1970~~  
1969

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(6) Andrew Warwick, Jr. born June 16, 1943. Lives with his parents near Dumas. He has been a victim of cerebral palsy since birth.

(7) Jessie Jean born June 4, 1947. On April 21, 1967 was married to Walter Reed Smith (born November 22, 1943). They were later divorced. She lives in Seaford, Delaware. Their child is Tawny Michele who was born December 31, 1967.

Samuel Aaron Morgan

Samuel Aaron Morgan, the fourth child of W. C. and Fannie Morgan, was born at Lobelia on April 23, 1905. He was married to Luna Margaret Hill (born April 10, 1914), the daughter of George Forrest and Mary Hallie Morrison Hill of Hillsboro. Mary Hallie Morrison was born January 25, 1894.

Samuel died in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital on April 14, 1964, a victim of cancer. He was buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffey's Creek. He was an employee of the State Road Commission and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Lobelia.

Their seven children are:

(1) Samuel Albert born May 30, 1934. On January 17, 1966 at Streeter, W. Va. he was married to Judith Ann Harvey (born November \_\_, 1945, the daughter of Champ and Edna Harvey of Streeter. Their child is Andrew Albert born November 26, 1968. They live at Hillsboro.

(2) Alvadore Nevada born November 14, 1936. In Berlin, New Hampshire on June 13, 1959 he was married to Mary Violet Caovette (born November 3, 1937). They live at Hillsboro.

Their children are:

(A) David Aaron born June 27, 1965

(B) Susan Dawn born December 4, 1968

(3) William Austin born December 13, 1938. On July 25, 1962 at Alexandria, Virginia he was married to Barbara Lee Workman,

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the daughter of George and Dale Workman of Hillsboro.  
They live at Woodbridge, Virginia where he is manager of a  
service station. Their children are:

(A) William Aaron born January 30, 1968

(B) Kenneth Edward born August 30, 1969

(4) Arlie Hill born April 8, 1941. At Marlinton on June 9, 1972<sup>2</sup>  
he was married to Mary Magaline <sup>Harnelson</sup> ~~Gauetson~~. They live at  
Arbovale, W. Va. Their child<sup>new</sup> is Carol Ann <sup>Sharon Kay born 5-13-1977</sup> born March 22, 1973.

(5) Roger Page born at Green Bank on March 20, 1943. At Hillsboro  
on November 7, 1970 he married Wanda Lou Roberts, daughter  
of Durwood and Estie Roberts of Hillsboro. They live at  
Arbovale, W. Va. Their child Jody Lynn was born February  
27, 1973. *Son Scott, born 10-30-1977.*

(6) Janet Virginia born April 22, 1945. She lives in Washington,  
D. C. (7)

(7) Randall Gary <sup>GRAY</sup> born June 6, 1947. He married Dorothy <sup>Kay</sup> Arbogast,  
*she was born 10-28-1949*  
daughter of Ralph and Eleanor Arbogast of Marlinton. They  
live at Marlinton. Their child is Crystal Gail born January  
5, 1970. *Son Randall Gary Jr. born 9-7-1975*

Before his death, Samuel and Luna adopted their granddaughter,  
Maria Margaret born February 25, 1963.

Randolph Morgan - 27  
Samuel Morgan - 21  
W. C. Morgan - 14

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Jemima Frances Morgan

Jemima Frances "Fannie" Morgan, the youngest child of W. C. and Fannie Hill Morgan, was born January 12, 1908 at Bruffey's Creek on the farm of Winnie Kennison. She was six weeks old when her mother died.

On June 10, <sup>1925</sup> 1945 she was married to Charles Marvin Hollandsworth (born September 22, 1899), the son of Nathaniel and Ellen C. <sup>died Dec 12, 1946</sup> Hollands-<sup>central</sup> worth of Lobelia. <sup>died 9-8-1976</sup>

Jemima Frances Hollandsworth died April 12, 1950, a victim of cancer. She was buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffey's Creek.

The seven children of Charles and Fannie Hollandsworth are:

- (1) Melvin Dale "Jack" born November 16, 1925. <sup>died 6-23-1975</sup> He retired from the Air Force and lives at Marlinton. On January 16, 1947 he married Rebecca Sue Hannah (born January 16, 1930), the daughter of Ira and Hazel Weatherholt Hannah of Marlinton.

The children of Jack and Sue Hollandsworth are:

- (A) Melvin Dale, Jr. born August 26, 1948. On June 24, 1967 he married Rita Goody <sup>KONTZ daughter of Mary & Earl KONTZ</sup> kotz. Their child is Deserrie who was born February 3, 1968. <sup>and Melvin Dale III born 4-11-1975</sup>

- (B) Charles Micheal <sup>at Lobelia</sup> born June 12, 1954. In September 1974 he married Evelyn Pritt.

- (C) Marzella Ann born September 11, 1956

- (D) Kellea Sue born February 24, 1968

- (2) Mary Ann born August 19, 1927. <sup>at Lobelia</sup> On January 8, 1945 she married Anthony Joseph Pantuliano who was born May 20, 1923.



They live in Wilmington, Delaware. Their children are:

- (A) Angelo Charles born October 10, 1945. He was married to Sara Ann Larry (born November 6, 1944) on April 20, 1968. They live in Wilmington, Delaware. Their children:

Nancy Margarette born December 31, 1970

Anthony Larry born February 5, 1972

Angelo Charles, Jr. born July 17, 1974

- (B) Frances <sup>Neeth</sup> born November 24, 1952. <sup>born 8-11-1975</sup> Was married April 13, 1972 to Ronald Lee Gray (born July 6, 1947).

They live in Wilmington. Their children are:

Michele Lynn born August 3, 1972

Ronald Lee, Jr. born January 16, 1975

- (C) Deborah Marie born October 28, 1955

- (D) Sarah Ann born November 12, 1959

- (C) David Anthony born October 8, 1965

- (3) Madeline Lucille "Peg" born April 10, 1930. On September 28, 1946 she married Hubert <sup>N</sup> Neal Rose (born July 27, 1919). They live at Hillsboro. Their children are:

- (A) Sandra Faye born October 27, 1947. She married Andrew Curtis Pritt, son of Andrew Pritt, on January 5, 1968. They live at Airville, Maryland. Their child, Heather Denise, was born December 2, 1969.

- (B) Donald Eugene born July 17, 1949. On February 1, 1969 he married Vicki Lynn Moore (born November 29, 1948), the daughter of John Moore, Jr. of Buckeye. Their child, Stefanie Dawn, was born December 6, 1967.

Randolph Morgan - 29  
Samuel Morgan - 23  
W. C. Morgan - 16

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- (4) William Nathaniel born March 7, 1932. On September 17, 1959 he married Mrs. Doris Ann Jones Lemon (born October 29, 1930), the daughter of Theodore Easter and Mary Glick Jones of Wilmington, Delaware. Their children are:
- (A) Kathleen Ann born September 21, 1952. On May 25, 1972 she married Christopher Cowan (born February 2, 1949).
  - (B) William Charles born October 20, 1966.
- (5) Samuel Barton born April 14, \_\_\_\_\_. On November 2, 1962 he married Betty Marie Dulaney, daughter of Luther and Lucille Dulaney of Marlinton. He is a career navy serviceman. They were married at Warm Springs, Virginia and make their home at Buena Vista, Virginia. Their children are;
- (A) Betina born 1965
  - (B) Carmella born 1969
  - (C) Dawnita
- (6) Joseph Kenneth born June 5, 1940. On September 26, 1964 he married Carol Letcher (born June 27, 1943), daughter of James and Margaret Hill Letcher of Wilmington, Delaware. Their children are;
- (A) Joseph Kenneth II born March 20, 1945
  - (B) Bonnie Lynn born October 17, 1966
  - (C) Lori born December 29, 1970
- (7) Laura Virginia born July 21, 1943. Married and divorced Daniel Fowler of Hillsboro. Child, Veronica Dale born July 22, 1961. Married and divorced Ted Ryser of St. Louis, Mo. Child, Donna born May 1964 and died March 1969. Married Leo Click. Child, Leo William Click, Jr. born October 22, 1971.

Randolph Morgan - 30  
Samuel Morgan - 24  
Sarah Morgan - 1

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Sarah Virginia Morgan

Sarah Virginia Morgan, the third child of the Rev. Samuel and Edith Ramsey Morgan, was born near Ronceverte on February 15, 1878. She was nicknamed "Ninnie."

She kept house for her brother, William, after his wife died in 1908 for awhile.

She was a school teacher for several years.

During the 1930's, she was committed to the Weston State Hospital where she died in the mid 1940's. Dec 18, 1942

She is buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffeys Creek.

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Edgar Randolph Morgan

Edgar Randolph Morgan, the fourth child of the Rev. Samuel and Edith Ramsey Morgan, was born near Ronceverte on April 18, 1882.

He first married <sup>on June 27, 1906</sup> and divorced <sup>at</sup> Miriam Hill of Bruffey's Creek. She later married his brother, William.

His second marriage was to Lula Mae <sup>Cox - of Hookersville</sup>, who was born in 1891. They were married July 1, 1918.

Lula Mae was the widow of J. Wheeler Bobbitt. Issue of this marriage was Ivan Bobbitt of Richwood and Mrs. Irene Shaver of Camden-on-Gauley.

Lula Mae died July 1966 in a hospital in Pasadena, Texas. She was buried in the McQueen Cemetery at Hookersville, W. Va. She was a member of the Beulah Baptist Church at Hookersville.

Edgar R. Morgan died at his home at Hookersville on December 11, 1932. <sup>of pneumonia</sup> He was buried in the McQueen Cemetery at Hookersville.

Six children were born to the union of Edgar and Lula Mae Morgan. One child died as an infant.

The others are:

- (1) <sup>B. 31 Mar. 1918 @ Lohelie Calvin</sup> Morgan Morgan, Canvas, W. Va. single
- (2) <sup>B. 29 June 1923 Madeline at Lohelie</sup> Mrs. Anna Zimmerer, 2208 Fenwood St., Pasadena, Texas <sup>Married Robert Zimmerer</sup>
- (3) <sup>B. 15 Aug. 1925 Marie at Lohelie</sup> Mrs. Violet Holman, 539 Douglas Way, Tipp City, Ohio <sup>She is a lawyer. Married Robert Holman</sup>
- (4) <sup>B. 3 June 1921 Vestbit at Lohelie</sup> Ross Morgan, Zanesville, Ohio <sup>children: Glenn & Jerry, & Sandra Kay, Douglas</sup>
- (5) <sup>B. 21 Feb. 1930 Edward</sup> Eugene Morgan, 1308 Cooper Mill Road, Zanesville, Ohio <sup>Married Marlene Tumblin No children</sup>

<sup>cross named for</sup> <sup>Married Elnora Lee Sholes of Camden-on-Gauley (his student)</sup> <sup>married in 1956</sup> <sup>children</sup> <sup>at Richwood</sup> <sup>614-4</sup>



Randolph Morgan 3 1/2  
 Sammel Morgan 2 1/2  
 Edgar Morgan 2 3/8

Edgar R. Morgan died at his home at Hookersville, in Nicholas County, Dec. 1, 1932. He was born near Ronceverte April 18, 1882, aged 50 years, 7 months and 24 days. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel C. Morgan. He was married to Mrs. J. Wheeler Bobbitt, July 8, 1916. To this union six children were born, one of which preceded him to death in infancy. A sister, Lena, preceded him in death several years ago; his mother, Mrs. Edith Morgan Irvine, and a sister, Mrs. L. D. Sharp, died about two months since.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, five children and one brother, Will Morgan, and one sister, Ninnie Morgan, and a host of friends and relatives.

About thirteen years ago he united with Emanuel M. E. church at Brufords Creek and lived a devoted christian life. Funeral services was conducted from the Beulah church at Hookersville, by the pastor, Rev. J. Brown, and interment was made in McClellan cemetery.

# Lula Morgan, 75. Taken By Death

HOOKERSVILLE (RNS) — Mrs. Lula Mae Morgan, 75, of Pasadena, Texas, died Saturday in a hospital there after a short illness.

A former resident of Hookersville, she was a member of the Beulah Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Ivan Boblett of Richwood, Morgan Morgan of Canvas and Ross and Eugene Morgan, both of Zanesville, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Irene Shaver of Camden on Gauley, Mrs. Anna Zimmerman of Pasadena, Texas, and Mrs. Violet Holman of Tipp City, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Brown and Rev. C. R. Brooks in charge. Burial will be in the McQueen Cemetery at Hookersville.

The body will be taken from Waters Funeral Home in Summersville to the church one hour prior to the funeral.

(Edgar's wife)

## MOUNTAIN WOMAN

Lula Mae Morgan died the other day in Texas. She was seventy-five and she died far from home. They brought her back to Nicholas County and held services for her in the Beulah Baptist church and buried her among her people. My other paper, which records the comings and goings of Nicholas and Westover counties, emphasizes what people have known for some time, that weekly journalism is slipping, that it isn't the warm personal thing it used to be because of economics, and eight-hour days, and time-and-a-half, and bowling, and so forth.

But when I saw the meager space that was given to Lula Mae Morgan, I asked that personal journalism could be so dead.

There was a story there in Lula Mae Morgan's life, a story that tells something of mountain women and their strength we carried in the other paper when it happened, because it did happen in our time, not much to it, maybe, then perhaps there is a lot. But one day Lula Mae Morgan set out across the field to visit a neighbor in the hamlet of Hookersville when she was attacked by, of all things, a large buck deer. He just charged out of a nearby wood and was upon the woman before she could do anything. He knocked her down on the ground and leaped upon her, cutting her with his pointed hooves. She picked up her head and at her with his head down, rattling and cutting her with every charge and thrust.

There was nothing the woman could do except protect her face with her hands, and try to crawl on her back away from the crazy beast. As she reached a pit from her attacker, she felt something under her hand it felt strong and heavy and reassuring. She turned and grasped hold of it. Whatever it was - and rose up as the deer charged its last time, and she came down with it right on the head, between its awful horns, and downed it. She didn't see the animal with that one blow, and he rolled about and then slipped off to the sanctity of the woods.

I have often wondered if the family might have kept that bone of a dead horse that got slipped under Lula Mae Morgan when she was fighting that deer. That's what it was, the leg bone of a dead horse, and how it came there nobody knows, but there it was, and Lula Mae didn't have to be told why or what to do with it. It would be a fitting thing for the museum of the hills we have had many strange women like Lula Mae in our hills, and I just couldn't see them put her away without telling her story again.



Randolph Morgan - 32  
Samuel Morgan - 26  
Lena Morgan - 1

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Lena Florence Morgan

Lena Florence Morgan the fifth and youngest child of the Rev. Samuel and Edith Ramsey Morgan, was born December 17, 1896. She died April 27, 1927. She is buried at the Fairview Cemetery near Edray, W. Va. in an unmarked grave.

on 3-24-1918

She first married Charles Wade Mitchell, who died January 1918 and is buried beside her.

Tombstone says 13  
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The two children of this marriage are:

- (1) Ruby Pearl born March 10, 1915 and died March 15, 1930 of TB.
- (2) Edith born March 10, 1917. On December 12, 1935 at Covington, Va. she was married to James M. Workman (born June 6, 1912) of Hillsboro, W. Va.

Their children:

- (A) James Madison born November 22, 1938. Was married on September 1, 1959 to Judy Loury (born November 4, 1940). Their children are James Madison II (born July 9, 1960) and Elizabeth Ann (born February 14, 1965).
- (B) Naomi Elizabeth born February 28, 1946. Graduated from Glenville State College and taught school in Berkley County, W. Va. On June 26, 1968 she was married to Denver Joseph Hollandsworth (born February 26, 1944) They live at Martinsburg, W. Va. Their two children are Hilda Lynn (born May 17, 1972) and Jill Marie (born September 17, 1974).

Randolph Morgan - 33  
Samuel Morgan - 27  
Lena Morgan - 2

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(C) Laurence Thomas born June 10, 1947. He was graduated from Glenville State College. He taught school in Maryland a few years and is now a teacher in the

Pocahontas County High School. On February 13, 1965 He was married to Nora Lou McNease (born May 8, 1949). They live at Hellsboro.

Children: @ Teresa King born August 4, 1965, @ Matthew Thomas born Nov. 2, 1971.

Lena Morgan Mitchell's second marriage was to Forrest Ellis

McKenney, son of J. V. and Lena Moore McKenney of Marlinton. Ellis was born May 25, 1900 and died in Wheeling on March 5, 1968. He was buried in the Indian Draft Cemetery near Marlinton. To this union were born two children.

(1) Clyde William born April 19, 1920. He was a career officer with the Government Forces. He is now stationed in Japan. He married and divorced Dorothy Door. Their children were Thomas and Lena Mae.

(2) Naomi Gladys born September 17, 1922. She married Patrick Anderson and they live in Warren, Ohio. Their three children are William, Patty, and Edward.

Following the death of his wife, Lena, Forrest Ellis McKenny married Vicie Orr Wingler and they lived in Wheeling. She died January 1975 and is buried in the Indian Draft Cemetery near Marlinton.

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### DAVID BRIGHT.

Owing to numerous family affiliations in our county, some particulars in regard to the Bright connexion in Greenbrier are interesting to our readers.

David Bright came from Pennsylvania and was one of the pioneers of upper Greenbrier, and located on place now occupied by Andrew Brinkley and sons near Frankford. David's wife was a Miss Grant, also of Pennsylvania. Their sons were Michael, Jesse, David and George. There were two daughters, one of whom was named Mary.

Jesse Bright married Margaret Hamptonstall, and settled on the homestead and reared the family that has so many relations in Pocahontas County. His daughter Margaret was married to Joseph Callison, and went to Illinois. Mary Bright was married to Israel Callison, lived awhile in Pocahontas, then went to Illinois; and was still living at last accounts (in 1897.)

Rachel Bright became the wife of the late Joseph Levisay, near Frankford. Her son, G. W. Levisay, married Maggie Beard, youngest daughter of the late Josiah Beard of Locust, and located at Frankford, where he farms and merchandises. Josephine Levisay became Mrs Preston Clark of the Levels. Mary Levisay became Mrs F. I. Bell, and lives near Savannah Mills. Samuel Brown Levisay was one of the victims of the fearful boiler explosion that occurred in 1896 near Frankford. Jesse A., Letitia, Louella, and Elizabeth are the names of Mrs Levisay's other children.

Jesse Bright, Junior, married Margaret Pinnell and resides in Lewisburg.

Margaret Bright, daughter of Jesse Bright, Senior, became the wife of the late John Levisay, who settled near Frankford, where he lately died. Her eldest daughter, Mary Margaret, is the wife of Rev D. S. Sydenstricker, D. D., the pastor of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. Sabina Levisay was married to John Rodgers, and moved to Gallipolis, Ohio. Jesse Levisay married Miss Addie Johnson and migrated to Illinois. Cornelia Levisay was married to W. Henry Wallace, and lives on Sinking Creek. John Brown Levisay married Minnie Johnson and resides on a portion of the old homestead. Lillian Levisay was married to Dr James A. Larue and now resides at Pulaski, Tenn. James W., Virginia, and Louisa Levisay live on the homestead.

Francis Bright was married to James Ludington and went to Illinois.

Samuel Bright married Miss Mary Pollock.

Julia Bright was married to Allan S. Levisay, and lived near Frankford. Mr and Mrs Levisay have for a few years lived near Marlinton with their daughter, Mrs Levi Gay. Their son John Granville Levisay married Emma Robinson and lives near Frankford.

David Bright married Elizabeth Price.

Sarah Bright married William Cassidy and settled in Fayette County.

George Bright married Harriet Bowen and moved to Missouri. His second wife was a Miss Steenberger of Missouri.



Abram Bright married Margaret Bowen. Abram's second wife was a lady from Richmond, Va. His third wife was Miss Nickel, of Monroe, and fourth was Miss Swisher, now of Gallipolis, Ohio.

The ladies that were the first wives of George and Abram Bright just mentioned were sisters, and daughters of James Bowen, who lived at the mouth of Spring Creek. Mr Bowen was a person of great business ability and promoted a number of useful industrial enterprises. He built a grist mill, carding machine, saw mill, and oil mill on the property now held by Newton Mann.

This about exhausts all the information in the compiler's possession that illustrates the relationship these good people sustain to the citizenship of our county.

The writer feelingly cherishes the memory of Jesse Bright, Senior, about whose large and interesting family these biographic notes have been prepared. The last time he ever saw this venerable man was on a Sabbath morning in the spring of 1857, on the way to church. As I was passing from Mr John Levisay's to Frankford, near where the cemetery now is, I heard a singular noise, and on turning around saw that someone's horse had stumbled and thrown the rider. On going back it was found to be Mr Jesse Bright. In the meantime his daughter, Mrs Margaret Levisay, with her husband and two daughters, Mary and Jennie, had come up with him. Mr Bright was led to a fence corner where he remained a little while, apparently not much hurt, but thought it best to return home. It is said he never felt the same after the contusion he suf-

ferred from the falling of his faithful old grey horse that had carried him so safely and pleasantly for many years. From the noise made the animal fell heavily, and the wonder is the rider escaped instant death.

The compiler of this sketch is mainly indebted to Mr Washington Levisay for the information given here, taken from memory or gathered by him from the reminiscences of elderly friends.

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### SAMUEL PRICE.

What is relied upon as authentic tradition is to the effect that the progenitor of the Price relationship in Greenbrier, Botetourt, Craig, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties was one Samuel Price, who was among the earlier settlers of Augusta County in the vicinity of New Hope. He was it is believed a native of Wales but had lived in Maryland before coming to Virginia. So far as known his family consisted of three sons, Thomas, Jacob, and Samuel. All three were Revolutionary soldiers and Indian fighters.

Samuel Price, Junior, settled in Greenbrier County, near Savanna Mills, on preempted lands, a part of which is now in the possession of Washington Price, a descendant of the fourth remove. Samuel Price's first wife was Margaret Black, of Albemarle County, and her children were Samuel (third), William, Jacob, James, Sally, who became Mrs Michael Bright; Mrs Thomas Beard and Mrs Jacob Walkup. The names of Mrs Beard and Mrs Walkup are not known to the compiler. The second marriage of Samuel Price, Jr.,

around. Seeing no sign they went to the house, placed their guns just outside the door, and finding a bed within, lay down and fell asleep. Arthur dreamed of being bitten by a rattlesnake, sprang out of bed and awakened Moore. The dog was growling at Indians stealing toward the house. The men seized their guns and escaped, leaving the dog shut up in the house. The dog soon came to them, however. The Indians fired the building, cut a pair of moccasins from a dressed deer skin belonging to old "Ben," and amused themselves by stripping the feathers from two live roosters to see their antics.

When they reported to Jacob Warwick about the affair, he told them that whenever he dreamed of wild turkeys he was sure of having trouble with Indians very soon.

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### DAVID GIBSON.

David Gibson, a pioneer of Pocahontas county, and progenitor of the Gibson connexion in our county, came from Augusta county, near Waynesboro, Virginia, about 1770. He located near Gibson's Knob, two miles south of Hillsboro, now in possession of Isaac McNeel. He reared a large family, but few of their names are known to the writer. One of his sons, John, moved to Indiana, where his descendants now live; a daughter, Mary, died in youth; Sally married Sampson Ochiltree and lived near Buckeye, where Henry Lightner now lives; Elizabeth married Joseph Buckley and

lived on the neighboring farm, now owned by Levi Gay; Jennie married a Mr Blake.

David Gibson, another son, located on the Old Field Fork of Elk about 1823, and began life in the woods. The Hannah brothers had preceded him a year or two. David Gibson's wife, Mary, after whom Mary's Chapel is named (a neat house of worship on Elk,) was a daughter of the late William Sharp, near Edray. Her mother was Elizabeth Waddell, daughter of Alexander Waddell, a pioneer settler near Millpoint, the place now occupied by Joseph Smith and others.

The Gibson family on Elk consisted of five sons and three daughters. William, the oldest, lived on Elk. His wife was Polly Gay, daughter of the late Samuel M. Gay, near Marlinton; John married Margaret Townsend, near Driftwood; David, a well-known physician, married Elizabeth Stalnaker, daughter of Warwick Stalnaker, of Randolph; James Gibson married Jennie Friel, daughter of John Friel, who was killed in battle on Alleghany Mountain, December, 1861; Jacob Gibson married a Miss Wamsley of Randolph, and was killed during the war near Huttonsville in a skirmish with Jenkin's Cavalry; David Gibson's daughter, Elizabeth became the wife of James McClure, near Edray; Mary married Rankin Poage, at Edray; Nancy became the wife of Samuel M. Gay, on the Indian Draft.

Mr Gibson built up a comfortable home, in which he was assisted by his industrious sons and daughters. The habits of thrift learned from their parents have been successfully kept up, and prosperity attends them in their affairs, and all have comfortable homes and are

prospering. His home was open to the stranger that might come along. His confidences were sometimes abused and imposition practiced upon him, but that made no difference with his treatment of others. For years his home was at the service of the preachers, and thus most of the preaching on Upper Elk was at his house. It was a great undertaking to locate in the unbroken forest and build up a home and rear the family these worthy people succeeded so well in accomplishing. All such should be remembered and their services gratefully appreciated, and the story of their lives told for the instruction and encouragement of the generations following. The righteous, the honest and industrious should be held in lasting remembrance.

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### VALENTINE CACKLEY.

During the last century but few names have been more familiarly known in our county, before and since the organization, than the Cackleys. The ancestors of this relationship were Valentine Cackley, Senior, and Mary Frye, his wife, from the lower Valley not far from Winchester, at Capon Springs. They located at Millpoint about 1778. These worthy people were of German descent. The original name was Keckly, and came to be spelled Cackley by the way it was pronounced. Their sons were Levi, William, Joseph, Valentine, Benjamin, and their daughters were Alice, Mary, Anne, and Rebecca—six sons and four daughters.

Alice, the eldest daughter, became the wife of the



daughter of the late J. Harvey Curry, of Dunmore, and lives on Douthard's Creek, near Driscol. Their family numbers seven daughters and two sons: Clara, now Mrs Henry Overholt; Docia, now Mrs Warren; Effie, Mrs J. E. Campbell, of Covington; Lizzie, Mrs Mack Ervine; Bertha, Lucy, and Pearl- Gilbert Sharp is at home, a well known machinist. Albert Sharp resides at Marlinton, where he is a well known citizen, and has performed an active part in the construction of improvements.

Thus far we have been able to illustrate to some extent the history of John Sharp, the settler. As was intimated, the great motive that prompted his coming to the head of Knapps Creek was to get land. In this he was successful. His landed possessions reached from the Gibson farm, near Frost, up the West Branch to Armnius Bussard's, near Glade Hill. He had property in the Hills, on Thorny Creek, and on Buffalo Mountain beyond Greenbank, and the most of these lands yet in the possession of his descendants.

He was small in person, blue eyes, light hair, and of florid complexion. He was constantly employed. Mrs Sharp was quiet in all her ways, very diligent in her duties, and patiently met and endured the toils and inconveniences of living in the woods. These persons were pious, and some of the first religious meetings ever held in the vicinity of Frost were at their house.

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### DAVID HANNAH.

This paper is prepared to pay a tribute to the memo-

ry of a pioneer citizen of our county, the late David Hannah, of the Old Field Branch of Elk. He was a son of David Hannah, Senior, who was the progenitor of the Hannah Family, one of the oldest in Pocahontas. David Hannah, Senior, was a native of Ireland. He married a Miss Gibson, who was reared in Augusta County, and settled at the mouth of Locust Creek soon after the Revolutionary war. He possessed some practical knowledge of medicine of the botanical school, and did a good deal of practice in frontier times. He was probably the first person that ever practiced physic in lower Pocahontas. Dr and Mrs Elizabeth Hannah were the parents of six daughters and four sons.

Ann became Mrs Joseph Oldham and Lucinda married William Oldham. Their homes were near the source of Locust Creek. Mary Hannah was married to John Mollohan, and lived in what is now Webster County. Elizabeth Hannah became Mrs William Bennett, and lived in Harrison County. Jennie Hannah was married to the late Samuel Whiting, on Droop Mountain, where the Whiting family now lives. Her son Ebenezer married Sallie McMillion and lived on the Whiting homestead. Nancy Hannah became the wife of James Cochran, and lived near the Greenbrier border.

William Hannah and John Hannah died in youth.

Joseph Hannah married Elizabeth Burnside, on Greenbrier River, and settled on Elk, where his son, John Hannah, lately lived, over eighty years of age.

David Hannah, Junior, the subject of this article, married Margaret Burnside, on the Greenbrier, east of

Hillsboro, a daughter of John Burnside and his wife, Mary Walker, of Augusta County. Her family and the family of General J. A. Walker, of Wytheville, Va., are closely related. He was one of the last commanders of the Stonewall Brigade. He settled on Elk, and reared a large family of worthy sons and daughters.

Isabella Hannah was married to the late John Varner, and settled at Split Rock, a few miles down Elk, and built up a good home with their industry and economy. Their children were Margaret, now Mrs Clinton Slanker; David Varner, a Confederate soldier killed in war; Mary Varner, afterwards Mrs Robert Wilson, and lived near Lexington, Va. John Varner and Samuel Varner, at Linwood; Susan Varner, now Mrs William Snyder, in Iowa; William Varner, at Old Field branch; Alice Varner became Mrs John Stewart, near Valley Head; Jennie Varner was married to Hamilton Snyder, and located in Taylor County, Iowa; Benjamin Varner married Ella Moore, of Knapps Creek, lived awhile at the Split Rock homestead, and finally moved to Ohio where he now resides.

Elizabeth Hannah was married to Marinus J. VanReenan, and settled in Iowa. Mr VanReenan was a native of Holland, His father's family was attached to a band of Holland emigrants, who were induced to colonize on Laurel Run in 1842, by the Rev John Schemerhorn, of New York. The highlands of Pocahontas were not congenial to persons from a populous Holland city in the Netherlands, and after grievous privations the colony disbanded. Some went west; others remained in Pocahontas, and are excellent people. The Stultings came in this band also. The names

of Elizabeth VanReenan's children are David, Robert, and Mary.

John Burnside's Hannah married Margaret McClure, and located on part of the "Old Field" homestead, and has lately died. The following particulars are given in reference to their children: Mary is now Mrs John Beverage, near Clover Lick; Samuel David married Amanda Moore, and settled on the Hogsett place; Wallace died while young; William Boude, whose wife was Miss Birdie Dilley; John Ellis married Malinda Catherine Sharp, and settled on the homestead; Nancy was married to Fletcher Dilley, and lives near West Union; Ivie Viola; Edgar Russell, and Lena Mary died while young.

David Hannah, the third of the ancestral name, was first married to Rebecca Moore, daughter of the late Isaac Moore, of Edray. Second marriage to Margaret Jane McClure, daughter of Arthur McClure of Lower Pocahontas, and settled in Iowa; thence moved to Missouri. The names of his children were James, Joseph, Mary, Margaret, and Julia.

Robert Hannah married Jennie Burk and settled in Iowa. John is the name of the only one of his children known to the writer.

William Hannah, one of the twins born to Mr and Mrs David Hannah of Pioneer memory, married Catherine Rhinehart of Randolph County, and settled on Pine Flat, head of Swago. William's family were three sons and a daughter. James married Maggie Auldrige, a daughter of Thomas Auldrige, and lives near the head of Dry Creek. Eugenius married Jennie

Kellison, and lives near Poage's Lane. Margaret is Mrs Kenny Kinnison, on Swago. Burleigh married Miss Lula Perry, on the Greenbrier.

Joseph Hannah, the other twin son of the pioneer, married Elizabeth Cool, daughter of John Cool, of Webster County and lives in that county.

The writer remembers the personality of the venerable pioneer very vividly. In early youth I saw him frequently, and he was very interesting to me from the fact Mr Hanna had been off to the war of 1812. To me an old soldier seemed more than human. He had an interesting way of relating his adventures, and was fond of talking about the war. He was at his best when telling how he felt when aroused one morning before day to get ready for an attack, as the British were reported as coming. He arose and put on his accoutrements quickly as possible, and took his place in the ranks and moved off to fight. His hat kept falling off as he marched until it became so troublesome that he was determined to find out the reason why it would not stay on his head. It had never been so hard to keep on before because it was a good fit. When the troops halted he examined his head and found the hairs were all on end, stiff as bristles, and were pushing the hat off as fast as he could put it on. The hair kept stiff until the order was given to return to camp, when it all became limber enough, and the hat was no more trouble. He found out afterwards that the whole scheme was to try the new soldiers to find out how they would conduct themselves when ordered into battle. This was near Norfolk.



The story, however, he seemed the most fond of telling was about his experience in the hospital tent. Before his term of service had expired he was prostrated by fever and given up as a critical case, and very strict orders were given not to let him have a drop of anything cool to drink. He noticed that there was whiskey and water on the table for the nurse's use, and he determined to have some at all hazards. The attendant came to him and found the young soldier so weak and stupid that he seemed to know nothing, and was unable to lift even his hand. So the hospital man thought there would be no risk to run were he to leave the bottle and pitcher on the table while he would step out and get some fresh air. Soon as his back was turned the sick soldier crawled to the table, mixed the liquor and water, and drank till he could drink no more and crawled back to his bunk, and when the nurse returned he was surprised to find his patient apparently asleep and the skin showing a tendency to moisture. Finally the sweat broke, and when the doctor came to look at him, and seemed much pleased with the change in the patients condition.

"You were mighty near gone, old fellow, and if we had not kept cold water away from you, where would you be now?"

The soldier kept his secret, and as he was beginning to get stronger the liquor was kept out of sight. He thought he would have mended much more rapidly if things had been left on the table as before.

The old soldier worked hard in building up his home